

HOUSE BILL 2281

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-154 and Section 47-18-104, relative to home improvement services contractors and providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-154(b)(1), is amended by deleting the following language:

(1) Fail to refund amounts paid under a contract for home improvement services within ten (10) days of either the acceptance of a written request for a refund either hand delivered or mailed certified mail return receipt attached or the refusal to accept the certified mail sent to the last known address of the home improvement services provider by the residential owner if all of the following apply:

and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) Fail to refund amounts paid under a contract for home improvement services within ten (10) days of the acceptance of a written request for a refund either hand delivered or mailed certified mail return receipt attached, refuse to accept the certified mail sent to the last known address of the home improvement services provider by the residential owner, or return the certified mail to the residential owner indicating that the addressee is unknown at the address or a similar designation if the provider failed to provide to the United States Postal Service or the residential owner a correct or forwarding address, if all of the following apply:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b)(48), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (A), by deleting the period at the end of

subdivision (B) and substituting instead the language "; or" and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (C):

(C) Having complied with either subdivision (A) or (B), failing to provide to the residential owner a current or forwarding address if the person changes the physical address initially provided to the residential owner and any or all work to be performed under the contract has not been completed;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.